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Hi Todd - thanks for checking in on this. Looking at this, we believe Rep Weber will be comfortable with this approach. Hope that helps!

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On Jun 16, 2020, at 2:25 PM, Washam, Todd <Washam.Todd@epa.gov> wrote:

Jeanette – The EPA is going to be rolling out a decision on SO2 trading program/regional haze requirements.

I believe this is an issue that Mr. Weber weighed in on before and should be happy with this. Can you confirm that this will be a positive development to Mr. Weber and some of his colleagues?

EPA will issue a final rule to affirm that the Texas SO2 Trading Program meets Regional Haze requirements. In October 2017, informed by input provided by Texas, EPA put the SO2 Trading Program in place as a Best Available Retrofit Technology alternative (BART alternative). After public notice and comment, EPA is making minor revisions to an existing Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) to strengthen the Texas SO2 Trading Program and increase its consistency with the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR). This action also affirms a partial approval of Texas' State Implementation Plan.

Concurrent with this action, EPA is denying a petition for reconsideration on the final rule that CSAPR remains better-than-BART despite the removal of Texas for SO2 and certain other changes in CSAPR's geographic scope. EPA will continue to work with Texas to ensure that the state meets the Regional Haze requirements of the Clean Air Act.

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